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Inventor(s) Thomas Wild et al.			
Title of Invention Improved Binding Assays			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

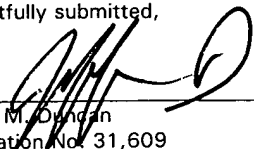
Transmitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 with references and return postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

It is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) copies of documents cited are enclosed.

The references cited are the following:

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A3	US5268306	Dec. 7, 1993	Michael Berger et al.		
A4	US5344757	Sept. 6, 1994	Hans-Joachim Holtke et al.		


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A18	Weber, Patricia C. et al., "Structural Origins of High-Affinity Biotin Binding to Streptavidin", Science 243, 85-8 (1989).

If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4235.

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